

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council

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6 pillars for our future to make the difference and improve Royal Sutton Coldfield.

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A Commitment for our Future.

Project Guide 2016-2017 and Beyond

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Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council aims to promote our unique identity and assets through creating a cleaner, greener and safer place to enjoy, where everyone is proud to live and work

Pillar and Project	Issue	Anticipated Del Date
Cleaner and Greener		
Landscaping (Amenities)	Additional landscaping where vegetation is encroaching dangerously onto footpaths, driveways and roads. Specific problem areas and tidying “grot spots” eg: Four Oaks: Badgers Bank, Blackberry Lane, “cut through” foot paths Vesey: Fir Tree Grove, The Spinny, narrower residential roads Trinity: Replace the missing tree on the parade, roundabouts landscaped, over grown foot paths Newhall: Homer Road open space, open areas in New Hall estate, Plantsbrook foot path	Start before end 2016 with rolling program
Signage (Amenities)	Worn and unfit for purpose street signage not scheduled for repair/replacement by BCC in near future. Specific Areas: Four Oaks: Heritage signage focusing on roads surrounding the part and the shopping areas Vesey: A Royal Sutton Codfield Sign for College Road and Banners Gate, few specific residential signs Trinity: Finger signs from the Station to the Hospital, Drive feedback sign for Whitehouse Common Road, replace town centre signage with heritage signage, lane markings on Mill St/Coleshill St	Start before end 2016 with rolling program

	Newhall: A Royal Sutton Coldfield sign coming in from Pype Hayes, heritage road signs around the Walmley and Wylde Green shopping areas	
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A Safer Sutton		
<p>Road Safety Measures (Amenities)</p> <p>Holland Road Holland House, Town & Plantsbrook Safe Road Crossing</p> <p>Wylde Green Road & Eastview Junction</p> <p>Vesey Suggestion</p> <p>Four Oaks</p>	<p>Measures to improve our infrastructure neglected or refused by BCC where there is clear need and demand.</p> <p>Road safety (crossing person) funding withdrawn city wide by BCC. TC & BCC involved. Parents are petitioning for this. Protects pupils & staff from 3 schools as well as road users. NH, Vesey & Trinity Involved. TC & BCC already involved.</p> <p>Bishop Walsh pupils have instigated large petition to improve road safety. Some funding already secured for speed awareness sign need additional measures.</p> <p>Restrictive measures at Banners Gate to prevent the dangerous parking on the verges around the playground. Traffic calming on Boldmere High Street especially the junctions and double parking areas.</p> <p>Series of improved crossings</p>	<p>Late 2016 depending on BCC speed of assessment</p> <p>Late 2016 depending on BCC speed of assessment</p> <p>Begin 2017</p> <p>Begin 2017</p>
<p>Sutton Schools 20mph Zones (Amenities)</p>	<p>Many already have physical road safety measures so 20mph zones should be relatively straight forward.</p>	<p>Start rolling program of works early 2017</p>
<p>Sutton Heartbeat (Amenities)</p>	<p>Provide defibrillator in each ward if the businesses will work with is to provide a suitable site. Suitable places for installation to be identified in each ward.</p>	<p>Q4 2016 (if suitable site is already available)</p>

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Proud to be Royal Sutton Coldfield		
Displays about what is happening (Amenities)	<p>Displays of activities/groups/projects/achievements that make us proud to live in Sutton in shopping centres across the constituency. Large semi-permanent displays to support business and voluntary action in Royal Sutton Coldfield. Engage with shopping areas to deliver this. Suggested locations:</p> <p>Four Oaks: Mere Green, Clarence Road Shops, Walsall Road Shops</p> <p>Vesey: Boldmere High Street, New Oscott, Outside Boldmere Gate</p> <p>Trinity: Through the Town Centre, Rectory Park, Withy Hill Park</p> <p>Newhall: Redicapp, Newhall Valley Park, The Mill</p> <p>Displays of activities/groups/projects that make us proud to live in Sutton in shopping centres across the constituency.</p>	Installed 2017
Community Service Awards (Mayor)	Recognise local people who make a real difference to our community. A combination of nominations from the public and limited "Suttonian of the Year" award from the Mayor.	1 st Awards Ceremony Easter 2017
Flower displays and Christmas lights (Amenities)	Displays to be ordered inline with previous years for 2016. New Sutton motives ordered for lights in 2017.	Lights November 2016

	Improved floral displays to be ordered to include red and white roses as symbolic of our heritage.	Flowers Spring to summer 2017
Registry Office re-open (Amenities)	Negotiate with BCC to offer registry office services in Sutton Coldfield again. Service is already paid for so would only be the additional travel time and costs. Initially 2-3 days a week running out of the Town Council offices	End 2016
Our shared history (Amenities)	Celebrating our sites of historical local and international interest e.g.: Information points and (where possible) seating at sites such as the Roman camp in Sutton Park.	Start installations spring 2017
Round and About (Amenities)	Permanent displays on our roundabouts (designed or inspired by locals where possible) celebrating our town and commemorating our past. A rolling project with commitment to add new roundabouts and other suitable areas to the project year on year	Mid 2017

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Healthier and Happier		
Play equipment in new areas (Amenities)	<p>Wooden, imagination enhancing play equipment to be installed in new areas to engage childrens' imagination and encourage outdoors activity with a cohesive theme running through them. Permission to be agreed from BCC</p> <p>Suggested locations:</p> <p>Four Oaks: Hillhook</p> <p>Vesey: Ouside Oscott or Boldmere Schools</p> <p>Trinity: Withy Hill, Rectory Park or Falcon Lodge (Carhampton Road)</p> <p>Newhall: Jones' Wood, Newhall Valley</p>	Installations beginning early 2017
Healthy town (Amenities)	<p>Encourage the uptake of new activities through improved access. Work with businesses, schools, groups, healthcare providers, and the Community Games in the 2 week run up to the Community Games. Fitness First already amenable and some sports teams have also indicated their support. Also work with health providers, shops, restaurants, schools and employers for a whole town approach to the initiative.</p>	Early summer 2017
Sutton Cycles (Amenities)	<p>Banks of bicycles outside of some of the parks eg; either end of Newhall Valley, Town Gate and Boldmere Gate to start.</p> <p>Those paying the precept get a fixed number of uses of the bikes and are able to top up if they wish to use them more.</p> <p>Improve cycle path signage to support scheme users</p> <p>This scheme will only be available to Sutton Coldfield residents wishing to enjoy our town in a new way.</p>	1 st bike delivered early summer 2017

	<p>Initial trial; Suggested 100 bikes across 4 locations with half an hour use per ride. Commitment intended to be for the same amount every year for 4 years expanding to include improving travel across Sutton subject to successful initial roll out and uptake.</p>	
<p>Changing Places toilet facility (Amenities)</p>	<p>It is disappointing that this facility for those most in need of support and those caring for them is available nowhere in our town. If a suitable facility can be found that requires investment to bring it up to standard the TC will work with partners to support the delivery of this asset.</p>	<p>Early 2017</p>
<p>Our town for everyone (Amenities)</p>	<p>Continued formalised support of the Youth Engagement and People with needs initiatives. This will include user groups, particularly in areas of disadvantage as well as school parents. Ongoing projects and services to be assessed and agreed as they are proposed and developed. An expectation of delivering at least 1 per group per year. Youth, Dementia, Disability and Autism</p>	<p>Already started and rolling program.</p>

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A Bright Future		
Sutton Enterprise Partnership Pathfinder (F&GP)	<p>Hyper local investment readiness fund to support start ups and early stage businesses in Royal Sutton Coldfield that have a real prospect of attracting further investment and good quality jobs to our town. Initially funding to promote investment readiness and preparation of information to facilitate raising of other external funds</p> <p>Strict application process and rigorous review of applications by local experts to support the selection of successful applications.</p> <p>TC to detail how this will be provided with clear regulation on what and how to and how to invest in the commercial growth of our Town. Eg: fund support services such as accountancy, legal, IT advice subject to it being provided (where possible) from a Sutton Firm.</p> <p>Expectation that over time this initiative may develop into direct equity investments by the TC in start-up/early stage local businesses</p>	Launch Early 2017 for 1 st round applications. 1 st award April 2017
Town Centre Planning (Planning)	<p>Work with the experts on a Town Centre Plan that incorporates with work and development of the BID, LEP and Brassington Avenue to get the most out of this investment for Sutton.</p> <p>After this look at the other areas of Sutton in a structured order to be agreed by full TC at a future date.</p>	
Wifi access (Amenities)	Provision of free wi-fi across the town centre in 2017 expending to include the other shopping/business/active areas in 2018	Turned on early 2017

<p>Review Amey contract and additional services (F&GP)</p>	<p>Review what is paid for and what has been delivered against agreed timetables and service levels. Produce 3 summaries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What has been delivered against target2. What has been delayed/can be chased/not delivered in time/full against target3. The “next level” of service that could be delivered but is not in the Amey contract or elsewhere <p>Subsequently to draft a proposed list of services/assets which may wish to have returned from Birmingham and how eg: War Memorials Develop plan for obligations in relation to cemeteries.</p>	<p>Start 2016</p>
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<p>Summer in Sutton (Amenities)</p>	<p>Our community together with a program of public events throughout June and July with “something for everyone” to bring us all together as we enjoy the best that Sutton Coldfield has to offer.</p> <p>Suggested events to include;</p> <p>Films to be played on large screens in local parks.</p> <p>Proms in Sutton Park (Town Gate to avoid motor vehicle damage) Childrens’ proms at lunch time followed by full proms in the evening.</p> <p>Showcasing Sutton Open air concert open to local talent One large event or moving around community for several weeks eg: Harvest fields estate, Newhall Estate, Falcon Lodge, other suggestions....</p> <p>Wining and dining Open air one night/weekend local food and produce festival</p> <p>Historical pageantry and activity</p>	<p>Summer 2017</p>

All proposals are fully costed

Motion – Proposed by Cllr Simon Ward

This Town Council commits to, as far as possible, deliver the projected plan of works titled “Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council - Founded in our past. Working for our future. 6 pillars for our future to make a difference and improve Royal Sutton Coldfield.

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As far as possible each of the activities or projects within the various pillars of the plan will be worked up into individual deliverable work streams as directed by the most appropriate committee as designated within a time period to be determined – but with the expectation that in all cases work will commence immediately on approval

The plans in respect of each work stream will then be brought back individually to the Town Council as they are ready to be signed off for implementation. This will happen by the end of October 2016 and in advance of budget planning for the next fiscal year.